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April 19, 2016

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I'm writing on behalf of the Conduct Appeals Board to document and inform you of the decision of the hearing April 1, 2016.

The Board recognizes the seriousness of this case and appreciates the manner in which all parties have conducted themselves during the meeting.

Your appeal asked the board to consider inconsistencies in [REDACTED] as well as the sanctions imposed under the criteria set forth in WAC 516-21-280 Basis for Review:

- (c) The sanctions imposed are disproportionate to the violation(s) committed; and
- (d) The decision reached did not properly consider the information presented.

In your original decision the following sanctions were imposed:

- **Suspension and Trespassed from Campus**
  - Through at least fall of 2017 or while Ms. [REDACTED] a student.
- **Restriction from Contacting Others**
  - Administrative no-contact order with Ms. [REDACTED]
- **Conditions prior to returning to Western Washington University**
  - Prior to being allowed to register for classes at the end of your suspension, you must contact the Office of Student Life to verify that Ms. [REDACTED] is no longer a student.
  - You will be expected to explain and reflect upon this experience and what you have learned from your time away from Western prior to registering for classes.

As a result of our appeal hearing, the board believes all the information was properly considered in relation to appeal criteria (d). This was evidenced by the conduct officer's decision letter and statements in the hearing covering any inconsistencies in facts presented in this case.

In relation to appeal criteria (c) the board does believe the sanctions imposed are disproportionate to your violation. Based on the information presented there is evidence of intentionality in your behavior. Additionally, based on what you shared in the appeal the board believes that you do not understand how to apply the concept of consent as outlined in Western's student Code and your responsibility to act within the Code. Considering these factors the following modifications to the sanctions imposed have been made by the board:

- **Expulsion from the University**
  - You are expelled from Western Washington University, effective immediately upon receipt of this letter, and are trespass from all areas of Western's campus. You are not eligible for readmission to the university. Should you need to come to campus for any reason, you must

first contact University Police at (360) 650-3555. Failure to do so may result in a citation by University Police for criminal trespass.

The appeal process asks the board to review all spoken and written information of a case and in turn gives the board the right to either confirm, reverse, or modify the conduct officer's findings and decisions. We recognize that this modification to your sanctions may not have been what you anticipated, however given the egregiousness of this violation we believe expulsion is the proportionate sanction.

Please note that the decision made by the Appeals Board is final and there is no further appeal.

Sincerely,

*Samantha Golden*

Chair, WWU Conduct Appeals Board

Cc: Michael Sledge, Assistant Dean of Students/Conduct Officer